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ANIMAL CONTROL EXPANDS PARTNERSHIP WITH "UNITING TO SAVE ANIMALS" TO INCREASE PET ADOPTIONS

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Division of Animal Control has expanded its partnership with <u>Uniting to Save Animals</u> (U2SA), a local non-profit organization dedicated to making a difference in the health and welfare of companion animals.

U2SA helps promote the adoptions of animals from the Animal Control and Pet Adoption Shelter and rescue groups with the goal of reducing the pet overpopulation in the county.

President Blaine Young of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners and Division of Animal Control Director Harold Domer recently made an announcement of the partnership with U2SA.

President Young commented, "Frederick County is pleased to work with U2SA and other organizations to encourage the adoptions of dogs and cats from the county shelter. The dedicated staff and volunteers at the shelter are appreciative of our citizens who visit and adopt from the shelter on a daily basis. But, in light of recent media coverage about a drop in pet adoptions, we want to get the word out that if you are interested in being a pet owner and if you're concerned about the costs, you can now call U2SA to request assistance.

"On top of that, if anyone is pressed financially and is considering giving up a pet due to the costs of upkeep or medical expenses, this is a way to find some needed help. We commend U2SA for stepping up to the plate to offer this service to our community, and at the same time we wish to emphasize that pet ownership is a commitment where there are costs and responsibilities to properly caring for and owning an animal. Working together with U2SA and our other partners, we can help overcome the hurdles and challenges to pet ownership."

For more information on U2SA, visit www.unitingtosaveanimals.org or call 301-473-8200.

For more information on the Animal Control and Pet Adoption Shelter and the showing of animals and adoptions, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/animalcontrol or call 301-600-1546.